Schemes are being implemented to improve the quantity of tea produced in the country and financial assistance is being provided to exporters towards meeting the handling, packaging, transport/freight charges. Financial assistance is also being provided for factory upgradation for manufacture of orthodox and non-reconditioned teas, which have a greater demand in the world market. In addition, Tea Board is also conducting promotional activities like participation in international fairs and exhibitions, media publicity, organizing buyer-seller meets etc. in the major tea importing countries and lending promotional support to Indian tea exporters in their marketing efforts.

**FDI Inflow**

1082. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total FDI received in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the comparative data of the same with China during the said period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the contribution of NRIs in the FDI inflow is much below in comparison with their Chinese counterparts;

(d) if so, the percentage of investments into their respective Nations of origin by both the Chinese and Indian diasporas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for the reluctance of NRIs investment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Comparative data about FDI inflow in the last three years in respect of India and China, as reported in UNCTAD's World Investment Report, 2002 (WIRO2), are as below:

(Million Dollars)

| Year | India | China |
|---|---|---|
| 1999 | 2,168 | 40,319 |
| 2000 | 2,319 | 40,772 |
| 2001 | 3,403 | 46,846 |

(c) to (e) Investment decisions are dependent upon the foreign/ NRI investor's commercial judgement which in turn, are guided by several factors like market fundamentals/potential, competitive advantage, infrastructure, raw material availability etc. In its endeavour to attract higher foreign/NRI investment, the Government reviews the FDI policy on a continuous basis with a view to providing internationally competitive investment climate in terms of policy framework, procedures and institutions.

**Patenting the Cow Urine**

1083. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after Neem, Turmeric and Basmati Rice comes a claim for patenting under WTO regime Cow Urine for its medicinal insecticide and cleansing qualities and even the method of producing Atta (flour) for US and foreign researchers and entrepreneurs has been put forward; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto for protecting India's claims for the strictly Indian know-how traditional modes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No patent on cow urine *per se* has been granted. Patent number 6,410,059 granted on June 25, 2002 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (an autonomous organisation under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India) relates to a pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibiotic and cow urine distillate in an amount effective to enhance the anti-microbial